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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takayuki SUGAHARA et al.

Serial No. 10/067,920

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Examiner: Kronenthal, Craig W.

For: APPARATUS FOR EMBEDDING  
AND REPRODUCING  
WATERMARK INTO AND FROM  
CONTENTS DATA

Atty Docket: 0102/0196

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL FILED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Cancel claims 18-23, 26 and 28-37.

Amend claims 24 and 27.